



# *CITY COUNCIL*

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## ***Public Works Committee***

***Tuesday, February 22, 2011***  
***Meeting Report***

**Committee Members Attending:** S. Marmarou, M. Goodman-Hinnershitz Chair

**Others Attending:** S. Katzenmoyer, C. Jones

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 6:41 pm.

### **Inventory of Lease Agreement**

Mr. Jones distributed a list of lease agreements for which the City receives payment. He stated that many of these agreements are outdated and need to be reviewed. He stated that this is a partial list only.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz questioned if anyone monitored the payments to ensure they were received. She noted that East Ends Athletic Club has stopped making payments to the City.

Mr. Marmarou stated that the group leasing Egelman's recently received a \$5,000 grant. He questioned what the grant is to be used for and to whom it was awarded. Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz noted that many people believe this field is owned by this organization, rather than by the City. Mr. Jones stated that he was unaware of the grant and noted that if it is for field maintenance/repairs it should be turned over to the City.

The Committee requested that Ms. Katzenmoyer contact Mr. Younger to obtain information on this grant and to hold this organization accountable as necessary.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that grant money is used many times for repairs to City properties but that the facilities still belong to the City. She used the Fire Tower as an example.

Mr. Jones stated that Pagoda-Skyline is not included on his list as they do not make payment to the City.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz noted the liability issues this may cause.

Mr. Jones noted that P & D Partners LP were the former owners of the building near First Energy Stadium. He stated that the lease payment was for the use of the City owned parking area. He noted that the City has not received payment since this building was sold to Colonial Electric but that they continue to use the City owned parking area.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz noted the need to monitor the use of all City facilities.

Mr. Marmarou questioned if the others included on the list were making payments to the City. Mr. Jones stated that they are.

Ms. Katzenmoyer stated that she will combine this list with the list received from Mr. Denbowski for a more complete review. *Note: attached*

#### **Update Recreation Commission**

This issue will be discussed at the March meeting.

#### **Renaming of Avenue A**

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz stated that a formal request has been received from the Housing Authority.

Mr. Marmarou voiced his support of the name change.

Mr. Jones stated that he will submit his recommendation to approve the name change to City Council. He stated that he will recommend the approval on the provision that the Housing Authority pay all costs related to the name change.

Ms. Goodman-Hinnershitz voiced her support of the name change.

Ms. Katzenmoyer was instructed to add this topic to the February 28 Committee of the Whole agenda. She was asked to prepare an ordinance for introduction at the February 28 regular meeting.

The Public Works Committee adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
*Shelly Katzenmoyer, Deputy City Clerk*

## Lease Agreements

<u>Monthly Payments</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
East End Athletic Club	Mineral Spring Park Hotel	\$750
Citizens Bank	Tract of land on west side of Centre Ave south of Cathedral St	\$2,008.26
Radio Maintenance	Tract of land on Mt. Penn	\$600
Radio Maintenance	Tract of land on Mt. Penn	% of revenues

<u>Quarterly</u>		
SOT	Tract of land on Mt. Penn	% of revenues

<u>Semi-Annually</u>		
Reading Public Library	Billed for telephone lines & Long distance usage	depends on usage
First Energy Stadium	Stadium	\$11,000

<u>Annually</u>		
Carpenter Technology	Stadium Parking Lot	\$2,050
Comcast	Tract of land in Lower Alsace	\$2,000
WITF	Tract of land on Mt. Penn and WEEU Building	\$1,100
Verizon	Tract of land on Mt. Penn	\$4,900

### Expired Leases

Carpenter Technology – expired in 2000 – law office notified several times – bill current year at current rate until new agreement signed

Berks Cable/Time Warner, now Comcast – expired in 1999 – law office notified several times – bill at \$2,000 per year

P & D Partners LP, now Colonial Electric – no new contract with current owner – current owner continues to use City owned parking area – law office notified several times – formerly \$900 per year

### Facilities

Egelman Baseball Field	Playground Assn	field rentals, concessions
Camp Lily	Easter Seals	City maintains at no cost
Rotary Park	Reading American Little League	concessions
	Reading Soccer Club	concessions
Angelica Softball Field	Alvernia University	
Baer Park	Reading United Football	concessions
	Inner-City Boxing	
City Park	Blacktop Basketball	concessions
Centre Park	Historic District	events
Hillside	Playground Assn	bingo, concessions, holiday lights
Keffer Park	Playground Assn	bingo

6 <sup>th</sup> & Amity	Playground Assn	events
11 <sup>th</sup> & Pike	Violence Prevention	building use
	Rising Sun AA	storage, concessions
Pendora Park	Reading Softball Assn	
	Roberto Clemente Baseball League	
	Reading Rugby	
	Reading/Muhlenberg Fall Softball League	
	Reading Junior Legion	
	Reading/Berks Business Softball	
	Berkshire Baseball	

\*Reading School District uses Baer Park, Pendora Park, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Spruce, and Northmont baseball fields – no current agreement in place

\*City uses Thomas Ford, 13<sup>th</sup> & Union, Northwest Elementary, Riverside, Southern – school application process followed